

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**YOSHIBA et al**

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**For: TRANSGENIC RICE PLANT AND ITS FAMILY WITH  
ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS RESISTANT BY PROLINE  
ACCUMULATION OF HIGH LEVEL AND ITS  
PRODUCTION**

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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated September 13, 2004, in the above identified application, to which the period for response will expire on December 13, 2004. Please amend the above identified application as follows: